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### **42 - INTERAGENCY AGREEMENTS**

#### **42.3.1 Master Cooperative Fire Protection Agreement**

Between U.S. Department of Interior, Bureau of Land Management, Oregon and Washington, National Park Service, Pacific West Region, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Portland Area, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Pacific Region and U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, Pacific Northwest and Northern Regions, State of Oregon, Department of Forestry, and State of Washington, Department of Natural Resources signed and dated October 14, 1998.

The purpose of this Master Cooperative Fire Protection Agreement (hereinafter called the Agreement) is to document the commitment of the Parties to this Agreement to improve efficiency by facilitating the exchange of personnel, equipment, supplies, services, and funds among the agencies.

#### **INTERAGENCY COOPERATION**

1. Pacific Northwest Wildfire Coordinating Group (PNWCG) will provide coordination and recommendations for all interagency fire management activities in Oregon and Washington. Membership, procedures, and guidelines will be agreed to and documented in the PNWCG Charter.
2. National Interagency Incident Management System: The Parties to this Agreement will operate under the concepts defined in the National Interagency (NIIMS) including; Incident Command system (ICS) qualification's systems, training system, the management of publications and participate in the review, exchange, and transfer of technology as appropriate for providing qualified resources, and for the management of incident covered by this Agreement.
3. Annual Operating Plans may be developed at the Northwest, State, or local area level and will tier to this Agreement.
4. Interagency Dispatch Centers: the parties to this Agreement agree to maintain, support and participate in local Interagency Dispatch Centers, As appropriate.
  - A. Northwest Coordination Center is recognized as the Geographic Area Coordination Center (GACC) for the Northwest. Fire Management activities and resource movements will be coordinated through the Northwest Coordination Center as appropriate. Parties to this Agreement are not precluded from independent movement of resources.

### **42.8 STATES OF OREGON AND WASHINGTON**

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Both States have overhead, trained crews and equipment which can be requested for use on Federal lands. By Cooperative Agreements, Federal Agencies' resources are available for use by the States.

Exchange of personnel and equipment can be made by cooperative agreements on a local basis.

State requests for Smokejumpers and Air tankers will be made direct to the closest unit hosting these resources.

State requests for Cache Items for Incident Logistical follow procedures as outlined in NWC 23.3 which states:

- 1) Refer to NWC 13.2 for certain sensitive items which must be ordered through the Northwest Coordination Center.
- 2) Units should place Resource Order by phone and/or via electronic mail or fax, direct to the closest cache serving the Incident Unit.

The States have several inmate crews available for firefighting. These crews are available for Federal Agencies' use when not committed to State incidents. Federal Agencies' requests will be made through normal dispatch channels (see NWC 22.3.5 and NWC 62.3). Policies governing their use are contained in the States' Dispatching Guides.

State personnel and equipment should be released from incidents as soon as they can be replaced or are no longer needed. State personnel should be among the first to be demobilized from incidents.

### **42.8.1 NATIONAL GUARD.**

All orders for National Guard support will be made to the NWC Emergency Operations Manager who will take appropriate action on the request.

### **THE FOLLOWING IS TAKEN DIRECTLY FROM THE OREGON DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY FIRE PLAN - APPENDIX XVI, ANNEX E:**

The Military Department of Oregon is party to an agreement with the Oregon Department of Forestry and the U. S. Forest Service to provide National Guard personnel and equipment for wildfire suppression. This support is for both aircraft and ground equipment.

The Oregon Department of Emergency Services has been designated the responsible agency for coordination of National Guard Resources.

### **Key Elements of ONG Agreement**

1. ODF coordinates dispatching of all military personnel and equipment for fires on state protected lands and USDA Forest Service fires.
2. Agency with jurisdiction over the fire (ODF or USFS) provides technical direction to military to accomplish objectives.
3. Military is only available when "such resources are not reasonably available and/or are inadequate to cope with the fire emergency."

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### **Procedures for Ordering and Dispatching of National Guard Equipment and Personnel**

1. All requests must come through Salem Coordination Center.
2. Fire operations notifies ONG and requests declaration of state of emergency through the Emergency Management Division to the Governor's office.
3. Military evaluates the request to determine the National Guard unit or units best able to provide assistance and the required command, control and liaison as specified in "OPLAN SMOKEY."
4. Military provides Salem Coordination Center with information on what has been sent to the fire(s).
5. Unless approval is granted through ONG, resource must be released within 12 hours after control.

### **Personnel Procedures**

1. Guardsmen serve in State Active Duty without pay status. Guardsmen volunteer for the duty unless the Guard is activated due to the magnitude of the event.
2. Guardsmen are compensated under the Emergency Pay Plan for firefighters used by ODF (AD rates).
3. USFS will reimburse ODF for military use on Forest Service fires. ODF pays National Guard.
4. Liability - National Guard is performing duties as an employee of ODF whether working for USFS or ODF fire.

### **Supply and Equipment Maintenance**

1. Military operates their equipment.
2. Military supplies sufficient operators and supervisors.
3. ODF or USFS provides petroleum products.
4. Using agency (ODF or USFS) pays for equipment repair and maintenance.
5. ODF pays for damage to equipment unless damage is the result of "gross negligence." Joint inspection of equipment is important.

### **"OPLAN SMOKEY"**

National Guard plan for implementing agreement. Details operational procedures for National Guard involvement, including supervision.

### **42.9 BONNEVILLE POWER ADMINISTRATION**

Units must notify the NWC Emergency Operations Manager immediately when fires threaten, or have potential to threaten, power lines.

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Calls referring to power lines should include the location of the incident and the type of line involved.

The Emergency Operations Manager will place all calls relating to incident threats to power lines to the Dittmer Control Center:  
(503/283-2501)

### **42.10 MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE USDA-FOREST SERVICE, PACIFIC NORTHWEST REGION, THE USDI-FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE, WESTERN REGION, THE USDI-BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT, OREGON STATE OFFICE, THE USDI-BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS, PORTLAND AREA OFFICE, THE USDI-NATIONAL PARK SERVICE, SEATTLE REGION, AND AMERICAN RADIO RELAY LEAGUE, INC.**

This Memorandum of Understanding describes how the Federal Land Management Agencies may request assistance from volunteer amateur radio operators through the American Radio Relay League (ARRL).

#### **42.10.1 ANNUAL OPERATIONS PLAN SUPPLEMENTS THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AND ESTABLISHE PROCEDURES UNDER THE MOU.**

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### **45.1 MILITARY ASSISTANCE NORTHWEST AREA**

The Commanding General of the Northern Defense Sector, Sixth U.S. Army, in coordination with the Commanders of Northern Sector Western Sea Frontier, 13th District U. S. Coast Guard and Fourth Air Force, will assist civil authorities in domestic emergencies, as practicable, consistent with the execution of primary military missions.

The alleviation of a domestic emergency such as forest firefighting is primarily the responsibility of civilian agencies, both private and governmental. All forces and resources available to these agencies will normally be utilized before Federal military assistance is rendered in coping with a domestic emergency.

The Forest Service, U. S. Department of Agriculture, has been designated responsible agency for the coordination of all firefighting in rural areas. Requests for military assistance to combat forest fires, including those from States and other Federal Agencies, should be made through the Forest Service at the NWC Emergency Operations Manager to the Northern Defense Sector Commander through the NIFC.

#### **45.1.1 REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE - NON-MAJOR**

Requests will be made direct to the NICC by the NWC Emergency Operations Manager.

To obtain assistance, the requesting Dispatcher must certify to the NWC Emergency Operations Manager that all available civilian resources, of the type being requested, have been committed.

Requests should be well spelled out as to equipment and personnel needed, location of incident by map references and the name of the Forest Service Liaison Officer who the

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Military Officer should contact at a designated location.

While the military unit is on the incident, the NWC Emergency Operations Manager will report daily on fire situation and further need for assistance.

### **45.1.2 REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE - MAJOR.**

(Declared by the President) Requests for military assistance will be made through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The same information and arrangements will be needed as above.

### **45.2 NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE.**

The National Agreement for meteorological services between the National Weather Service (NOAA) and Federal Land Management Agencies identifies services to be provided, establishes interagency relationships, and defines financial and other obligations of the NWS and User Agencies.

**OPERATING PLANS.** The fire-weather forecast offices that serve the Northwest Area prepare annual operating plans. Reference these plans for additional information and procedures.

**FIRE-WEATHER FORECASTS FOR INCIDENTS.** The Fire-Weather Forecast Service provides the Forecast Service provides special spot-weather forecasts for active incidents 24 hours a day. Requests for special forecasts should be made direct to the forecaster on duty or, after hours, to the Forecaster-in-Charge of the appropriate forecast office serving a Unit.

At the time the original request is made, the Unit Dispatcher and Forecaster will agree on a schedule for future forecasts and for sending data.

The Unit Dispatcher will inform the Forecaster as soon as service is no longer needed.

**ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY METEOROLOGY UNIT (ATMU'S)** Refer to NMG/NWC 23.5 for ordering procedures and special equipment needs and to NMG 74 for location of units.